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BLM announces rescheduled scoping meetings for National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska South plan

BLM-Alaska State Director Henri Bisson announced a revised schedule of scoping meetings for a plan to guide the management of 9.2 million acres of public land in the southern portion of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

The meetings will now be held as follows: Anchorage, August 16; Atkasuk, Sept. 15; Barrow, Sept. 14; Buckland, August 24; Fairbanks, Sept. 1; Koyuk, Aug. 22; Nome, Aug. 23; Nuiqsut, Aug. 31; Point Hope, Aug. 25; Point Lay, Sept. 13; and Wainwright, Sept. 12. BLM has already held meeting in Ambler, Kiana, Kivalina, and Kotzebue. A meeting in Anaktuvuk Pass has yet to be scheduled.

The upcoming meeting in Anchorage will be held at the BLM Campbell Tract Facility, 6881 Abbott Loop Road from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For further information on this meeting, contact Jim Ducker at (907) 271-3130.

BLM will accept public comments on issues to be addressed in the plan and responses to the Call for Nominations for areas for possible oil and gas leasing through October 17. The development of the resource management plan, announced in the *Federal Register* June 15, 2005, will provide guidance for managing resources and programs in the planning area.

EDITORS NOTE Correction made for Nuiqsut meeting, now rescheduled to August 31.

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